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In re Application of

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Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir.

In response to the Restriction Requirement mailed July 8, 2003, Applicant hereby elects group II, which includes claims 17-20, for examination on the merits.

The Restriction Requirement allowed for a shortened 3 month period for reply. Therefore, this response is timely filed with no need for an extension of time.

Applicant also notes that on June 30, 2003, Applicant submitted to the USPTO the following: an Associate Power Of Attorney; Change in Correspondence Address; and a Statement Under 37 CFR 3.73(b) thereby establishing representation of the undersigned for the instant application.

Respectfully submitted,

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